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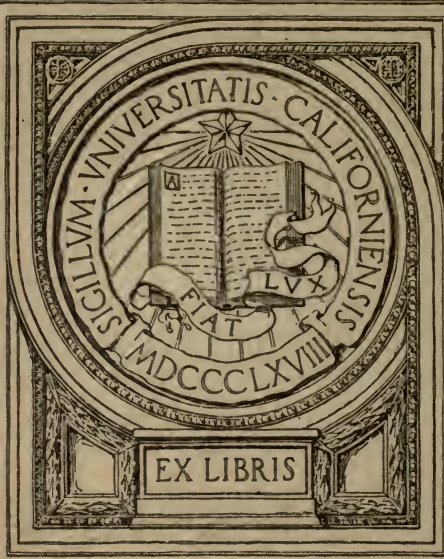


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FOODSTUFFS, RETAIL PRICES IN TWENTY-FOUR CITIES

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
OF CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CHICAGO

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Hon. Willis O. Nance, Chairman, Committee on Health, Chicago City Council:

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the Committee on Health of the Chicago City Council, held October 26, 1916, the Municipal Reference Library was instructed by your committee to compile comparative statistics showing the retail prices prevailing on the chief articles of food in the principal cities of the United States.

We desire to submit herewith tables showing the retail prices of twenty principal articles of food as of November 1, 1916, in twenty-four cities of the United States. The retail prices prevailing on the various articles of food in the cities listed in the table were collected by municipal reference libraries and departments of weights and measures in the twenty-four cities enumerated. The retail prices given are those prevailing, to a large extent, in neighborhood stores or such stores as most nearly represent the trade of workingmen's families.

It should be noted that some of the prices contained in the table vary in respect to quality and market conditions. Twelve cities failed to send complete price quotations on each of the twenty articles of food; eight of the twelve cities sending quotations on nineteen articles of food; two cities

RETAIL PRICES OF 20 PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD AS OF

COMPILED AT THE REQUEST OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CHICAGO

| Articles of Food. | New York City. | Chi- cago. | Phila- delphia. | Cleve- land. |
|---|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Sirloin Steak, per pound..... | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.35 | 0.20 |
| Round Steak, per pound..... | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.20 |
| Rib Roast (bone in), per pound..... | 0.26 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.22 |
| Chuck Roast, per pound..... | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.16 |
| Pork Chops (loin), per pound..... | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.23 |
| Bacon, smoked (sliced), per pound..... | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.30 | 0.26 |
| Ham, smoked (sliced), per pound..... | 0.38 | .035 | 0.40 | 0.24 |
| Lard, pure (tub), per pound..... | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.18 | 0.20 |
| Leg of Lamb (yearling), per pound..... | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.22 |
| Hens, dressed (not drawn), per pound..... | 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.23 |
| Flour, wheat, Pillsbury's Best, per 1/8 bbl. bag..... | 1.43 | 1.25 | 1.40 | 1.30 |
| Flour, wheat, Ceresota, per 1/8 bbl. bag..... | 1.35 | 1.25 | 1.40 | 1.30 |
| Eggs, strictly fresh (nearby), per dozen..... | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.46 | 0.55 |
| Eggs, storage, per dozen..... | 0.30(k) | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.38 |
| Butter, creamery (print), per pound..... | 0.44 | 0.42 | 0.52 | 0.42 |
| Butter, creamery (tub), per pound..... | 0.42 | 0.40 | 0.38 | 0.42 |
| Potatoes (Irish), per 15 pounds..... | | 0.55 | 0.80 | 0.45 |
| Sugar, granulated, per pound..... | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Milk, pasteurized (delivered), bottled, per quart.... | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| Bread | (0.05 (a) 0.06 | 0.06 (a) | 0.06 (b) 0.23 (c) | 0.06 0.10 |
| Average for each City..... | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.35 |

NOVEMBER 1, 1916, IN 24 CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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| Balti- more. | Pitts- burgh. | Milwau- kee. | San Fran- cisco. | Los Angeles. | Cincin- nati. | Newark. | Minne- apolis. | Jersey City. |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.33 |
| 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.30 |
| 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.20 | 0.25 |
| 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.125 | 0.17 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.18 |
| 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.225 | 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.28 |
| 0.30 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.40 | 0.30 |
| 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.37 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.175 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 0.22 | 0.21 | | 0.225 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.20 | 0.25 |
| 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.22 | 0.28 |
| 1.44 | 1.50 | 1.40 | 1.60 | 1.65 | 1.50 | 1.40 | 1.35 | 1.40 |
| 1.50 | 1.45 | 1.35 | 1.30 | 1.35 | | | 1.35 | 1.35 |
| 0.48 | 0.44 | 0.38 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.41 | 0.50 | 0.42 | 0.49 |
| 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.39 | 0.36 | 0.35 | 0.40 |
| 0.48 | 0.43 | 0.41 | 0.425 | 0.43 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.45 |
| 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.40 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.38 | 0.43 |
| 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.55 |
| 0.08 | 0.085 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.085 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.08 |
| 0.095 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.12 |
| 0.05(a) | 0.06(a) | 0.06(a) | 0.05(a) 0.10(d) | 0.06(a) | 0.083(e) | 0.06(a) | 0.06(a) | (0.05 (0.06(f) (0.10(g)) |
| 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.37 |

RETAIL PRICES OF 20 PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD AS OF NOVEMBER

| Articles of Food. | Kansas City, Mo. | Indian- apolis. | Roches- ter. |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Sirloin Steak, per pound..... | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.28 |
| Round Steak, per pound..... | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.25 |
| Rib Roast (bone in), per pound..... | 0.20 | 0.15 | 0.18 |
| Chuck Roast, per pound..... | 0.125 | 0.125 | 0.20 |
| Pork Chops (loin), per pound..... | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Bacon, smoked (sliced), per pound..... | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.25 |
| Ham, smoked (sliced), per pound..... | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.30 |
| Lard, pure (tub), per pound..... | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.18 |
| Leg of Lamb (yearling), per pound..... | 0.185 | 0.20 | 0.25 |
| Hens, dressed (not drawn), per pound..... | 0.215 | 0.20 | 0.24 |
| Flour, wheat, Pillsbury's Best, per 1/8 bbl. bag..... | | 1.45 | 1.40 |
| Flour, wheat, Ceresota, per 1/8 bbl. bag..... | | | 1.40 |
| Eggs, strictly fresh (nearby), per dozen..... | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.48 |
| Eggs, storage, per dozen..... | 0.35 | | 0.33 |
| Butter, creamery (print), per pound..... | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.45 |
| Butter, creamery (tub), per pound..... | 0.35 | | 0.42 |
| Potatoes (Irish), per 15 pounds..... | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.48 |
| Sugar, granulated, per pound..... | 0.07 3/4 | 0.08 1/2 | 0.09 |
| Milk, pasteurized (delivered), bottled, per quart..... | 0.125 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| Bread | 0.10 (e) | 0.05 (a) | 0.06 (k) |
| Average for each City..... | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.38 |

- (a)—3/4 pound loaf.
 (b)—1 pound loaf.
 (c)—5 pound loaf.
 (d)—24 ounce loaf.
 (e)—20 ounce loaf.
 (f)—8, 12 and 14 ounce loaf.
 (g)—22 and 24 ounce loaf.
 (h)—Occident Russell Mills.
 (i)—10 ounce loaf.
 (j)—2 pound loaf.
 (k)—Minimum price.

APRIL 1, 1916, IN 24 CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—Continued.

| Province. | Oakland. | Toledo. | Atlanta. | Birmingham. | New Haven. | Dayton. | Average Price Columbus, O. | of Article |
|-----------|--------------------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 0.26 | 0.175 | 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.26 |
| ... | 0.175 | 0.28 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.24 |
| 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.125 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.22 |
| 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.15 | 0.17 |
| 0.24 | 0.225 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.23 | 0.19 | 0.24 |
| 0.30 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.32 | 0.38 | 0.25 | 0.32 |
| 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.33 | 0.35 |
| 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.22 | 0.24 |
| 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 0.25 |
| 1.42 | 1.40 | 1.50 | 1.35 | 1.35 | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.43 | 1.43 |
| ... | | 1.40 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.55 | | | 1.36 |
| 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.75 | 0.40 | 0.38 | 0.47 |
| 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.34 | | 0.37 |
| 0.45 | 0.38 | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.43 |
| 0.42 | | 0.42 | 0.40 | 0.30 | 0.39 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.40 |
| 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.53 |
| 0.08½ | 0.125 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.085 | 0.087 |
| ... | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.12 | | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.10 |
| ... | 0.05(a) 0.10(d) | 0.05(i) | 0.10(b) | 0.10(e) | | 0.06(b) 0.10(j) | 0.06(a) | |
| 0.37 | 0.31 | 0.41 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.33 | 0.30 | |

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